Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): I may assure the House that the whole matter is under investigation. I am going to have a thorough investigation of the matter and the result of such investigation will be given to the House, if this question is put some time later on.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): May I know the name of the contractor or contractors who are entrusted with this?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): This time they were made by the department. As regards the name of contractors in the previous years, I have not got the information here ready. But I shall give you the same tomorrow, if necessary.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): The Hon'ble Minister was saying that he was going to conduct an investigation. What kind of.....

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): There is disparity in the prices of these boards in the three divisions. I wanted to know whether it is due to any natural cause or due to the carelessness on the part of the Department.

Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon (*Narakkal*): Even on roads which are not even a furlong in length, these boards are put in certain cases. Do Government think that there is necessity for putting up boards in such roads?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): By putting one board there, it won't do any harm. The only thing is that a little more money is spent. We will consider that aspect also.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (*Cranganur*): Regarding the increase in the expenditure on each board in 1113, is it because of the increase in the number of boards prepared in 1113?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): No. It is the average cost that is given there.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): What are these boards made of?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): Concrete.

KEEPING OF COWS BY OFFICERS OF THE AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

335. **Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon** (*Narakkal*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) is there any stipulation that officers of the Agricultural Department cannot keep cows for their needs;

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(*b*) if so, what is the reason for the same?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise.

TANKS AND WELLS—MARADU-KUMBALAM PANCHAYAT—PROVISION FOR.

336. Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar (*Trippunittura*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of public tanks and wells in the Kumbalam Village;

(*b*) have they received any request from the Maradu-Kumbalam Panchayat for providing the people of Kumbalam Village with any such tanks or wells;

(*c*) what have they done in the matter?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): (*a*) There are no public tanks or wells in Kumbalam Village.

(*b*) No requisition was made by the Maradu Panchayat for providing public tanks in Kumbalam Village. The requisition made by the Panchayat in 1112 was for sinking a well near S. R. V. S. M. G. School.

(*c*) The President was requested to renew the requisition in 1114 for making provision in the budget proposals for 1115.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar (*Trippunittura*): May I know Sir, where this S. R. V. S. M. G. School is situated?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): I am sorry I can't give you the definite location of the School.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar (*Trippunittura*): Was there a recent requisition renewing their request?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): Yes, there was a requisition renewing the request in 1114.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar (*Trippunittura*): Will the Government be pleased to provide for such works when once a request has been made, even though subsequently, the request has not been renewed?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): We shall do our best.

CHOONDAL SCHOOL ROAD—REPAIRS TO.

337. Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the Government has noted a short note in the *Deepam* dated 7th November 1938 about the bad condition of the Choondal School road;

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